

## Two reasons to keep a sick child home

- The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities.
- The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which temporary exclusion is recommended for the health and safety of your child as well as other children.

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### Children with the following symptoms should be kept (excluded) from school:

Symptom	Child must be at home?
<b>Fever:</b> Elevated temperature of 100o F or greater demonstrates the need to exclude the student from the school setting. <u>Note:</u> A fever is noted to be present at 100.4oF.	<b>YES</b> - when accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, i.e.: rash, sore throat, stomach ache/vomiting, diarrhea, coughing, head ache, ear ache. The student should be fever free (oral temperature below 99o F) without the use of fever-reducing medicines, for a complete school day (24 hours) before returning to school.
<b>Flu Symptoms:</b> Fever over 100o F or greater with cough and/or sore throat. Other flu symptoms can include fatigue, body aches, vomiting and/or diarrhea.	<b>YES</b> - for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
<b>Coughing:</b> Severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficult breathing; coughing lasting longer than 5-7 days.	<b>Yes</b> - medical attention is necessary.
<b>Mild Respiratory or cold Symptoms:</b> Stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough; no temperature elevation.	<b>NO</b> - may attend if able to participate in school activities.
<b>Vomiting:</b> Two or more episodes of vomiting in the past 24 hours.	<b>YES</b> - until vomiting resolves (no further vomiting for 24 hours). Observe for other signs of illness and for dehydration.
<b>Diarrhea:</b> Frequent, loose or watery stools compared to child's normal pattern; not caused by diet or medication.	<b>YES</b> - if the child looks or acts ill; if the child has diarrhea with temperature elevation of 100o F or greater; if child has diarrhea and vomiting.
<b>Rash WITH Fever:</b> A body rash <i>without</i> fever or behavior changes usually does not require exclusion from school; seek medical advice.	<b>YES</b> - see medical advice. Any rash that spreads quickly, has open, weeping wounds and/or is not healing should be evaluated.

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**Children with the following illness should be kept (excluded) from school:**

<b>Illness</b>	<b>Child must be at home?</b>
<b>Conjunctivitis</b> Pink/reddish color to white part of the eye <i>and</i> thick discharge may be yellow or greenish in color.	<b>YES</b> - discharge and signs of infection have cleared or completion of 24 hour treatment with ophthalmic solution prescribed by a health care provider.
<b>Head lice or scabies</b>	<b>YES</b> - Treatment initiated then cleared by nurse. <u>Note</u> : Strict adherence to product directions is essential for successful eradication of parasites.
<b>Impetigo</b> (to include: streptococci, staphylococcus, MRSA infections) Blister like lesions which develop into pustules. May "weep" and crust.	<b>Yes</b> - for 24 hours after medical treatment initiated. <u>Note</u> : Lesions must be covered for school attendance.
<b>Ringworm</b>	<b>NO</b> - Under care of medical care provider <u>Note</u> : Lesions must be covered for school attendance.
<b>Vaccine Preventable Diseases</b> Measles, Mumps, Rubella, (German Measles), Chicken pox, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Influenza	<b>YES</b> - until determined not infectious by medical care provider.